## REMARKS

The Examiner rejected all claims based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,385,306 to Baxter, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 6,507,643 to Groner. The effective dates of these references are their filing dates, which are March 2, 2000 and March 16, 2000, respectively.

Applicant invented the subject matter of the instant invention prior to the effective date of either Groner or Baxter, Jr. as evidenced by the affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 enclosed as Exhibit A. Part of Exhibit A is a document prepared by the Applicant prior to 2000 that evidences the conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention. Therefore, the Groner and Baxter, Jr. references can no longer support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) or 103.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3393 for any insufficient fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT

"A"



### **DECLARATION OF STEVEN N. VERONA**

- I, Steven N. Verona, hereby declare and state the following:
- 1. I am the named inventor in United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/037,985 entitled TELECOMMUNICATION METHOD.
- 2. I created the attached document with the title "Wireless Phone Pager" on or about the date typed at the bottom of the page (June 8, 1999) in the normal course of business, just as I have created many such documents.
- 3. My normal practice is to create documents such as the attached document when I come up with an idea, and then I later sign and date them in the presence of a notary public to create a record of my invention time frame. I followed that practice in this case.
- 4. Thus, the date that the attached document was created in my computer was June 8, 1999, and the date it was signed and notarized was May 19, 2000.
- 5. I remember thinking of this idea no later than the June 1999 time frame and then thinking for a short time about whether it would work.
- 6. I have many inventions, and it is impossible for me to work on all of them at the same time.
- 7. While thinking about whether the invention would work, I searched for similar technology that would accomplish a similar purpose. I remember searching on the internet generally and on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office web site. I also looked for similar services offered by telephone companies.
- 8. No later than the end of 1999 I became satisfied my invention would work and that there was no technology like it available. I then signed the attached document and had it notarized in May 2000 as indicated on the document. I kept the attached document in my file until my attorney asked me for it in preparation of this Declaration.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct; that all statements that are made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that I have been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. §1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 2/5/05

Steven N. Verona

# Wireless Phone Pager

This invention is designed to eliminate the need to carry a pager in addition to a cell phone and/or wireless Internet device. The concept is to issue a "pager" phone number to customers. The pager number will work in a similar fashion to existing paging services with one dramatic difference. The page message will be delivered via e-mail or instant messaging to any address(es), not to a traditional pager.

The benefits to the user are the elimination of the pager, physically and financially. The ability to have a permanent phone number for life. The ability to screen calls and limit wireless phone minutes. The ability to send pages to multiple devices/addresses.

The service can be expanded to include voice mail and fax service. The service can be used to enhance existing communication services or as a stand-alone service. Additionally, toll free service can be offered for minimal cost.

### How it works:

- 1. A subscriber signs up and receives their new pager number.
- 2. The subscriber indicates the email and instant messaging addresses to have messages forwarded to.
- 3. The subscriber distributes the number:

# A caller then dials the number

- 1. The caller enters a call back number
- 2. The DTMF tones are converted to an electronic message containing the number with a time and date stamp.
- 3. The message is distributed to the indicated addresses.

# Enhancements include

- 1. Caller id and confirmation to eliminate entering number
- 2. Voice mail
- 3. Personal greeting
- 4. Direct email forwarding (i.e. send a subscriber an email at subscriber#@pagexxx.com)
- 5. Store pages/emails for online viewing
- 6. Sends a message alerting you of a message in mailbox
- 7. Includes message type if we use it for faxes
- I, Steven N. Verona, believe to be the first inventor of the product described above. I have been working on the idea since June 8<sup>th</sup> of 1999.

5/19/2000

Steven N. Verona

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